

REMARKS

In order to remove issues for appeal, claims 29-37, 47-55, 65-73, 84-92, 102-110, and 120-128 have been cancelled without prejudice to their continued prosecution in a continuation and/or divisional application.

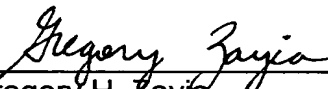
In addition, to further remove issues for appeal, claim 140 has been amended to clarify the interrelationship of the acts in the claimed method. The amendment is fully supported by the description in the specification (e.g., page 18, lines 19-21)

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 20-28, 38-46, 56-64, 75-83, 93-101, 111-119, and 129-141 are present and active in the application.

In accordance with MPEP 714.13, Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is appropriate for entry under 37 CFR § 1.116 inasmuch as it merely cancels claims and/or removes issues for appeal. Entry of the present amendment is, therefore, respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the above Amendment will not be entered and that a discussion would be helpful, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned agent directly at (312)-321-4257.

Respectfully submitted,



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